

REMARKS

Claims 5-11 and 13-17 were pending in the present application. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 17. Claim 17 has been canceled, leaving Claims 5-11, and 13-16 for further consideration in the present amendment.

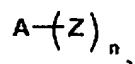
It is believed that the amendments made herein may be properly entered at this time, i.e., after final rejection, because the amendments do not require a new search, do not raise any new issues and reduce issues for appeal.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC §102

Claims 5-11 and 13-17 stand rejected as being anticipated by the previously cited Thoms reference. Applicants respectfully traverse.

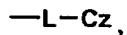
Thoms fails to disclose the Applicants' claimed compounds defined by Formula 1:



wherein *A represents a substituted aromatic ring residue* having, as a substituent, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkoxy group, an aryloxy group, an alkylthio group, a cycloalkylthio group, an arylthio group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a ureido group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, and amido group, a carbamoyl group, a sulfinyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, or a hydroxyl group; *n is a natural number of from 3 to 5*; and Z represents a monovalent organic group represented by the following formula 2, provided that formula 1 does not have an n-fold axis of symmetry,

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Formula 2




wherein L represents a chemical bond or a divalent linkage group; and Cz represents a substituted or unsubstituted carbazole residue, and wherein in formula 1, at least one Z has a chemical structure different from that of another Z.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 5 to require that the A is a substituted aromatic residue and "n" is a natural number from 3 to 5. Thoms fails to disclose the claimed compounds and the rejection is hereby requested to be withdrawn.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should there be any additional questions or concerns.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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